

Allowing the use of cellular telephones aboard aircraft will forever change the experience of flying. Where once you could quietly read a book or get some work done, aircraft will combine the worst of enclosed spaces, tightly packed strangers with time on their hands, and noisy shopping malls. I support wireless Internet aboard aircraft, but I fear that cell phone use may actually affect the safety of air travel by raising the level of inter-passenger annoyances and increasing the level of passenger distraction.